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Kansas Cattle On Feed

The number of **cattle on feed** on March 1, 2005 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.37 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago and down 2 percent from February 1, 2005. **Placements** during February totaled 360,000 head, down 8 percent from a year ago and 24 percent below January 2004 placements of 475,000 head. **Marketings** during February totaled 390,000 head, 4 percent below February 2004 and 13 percent below January 2004. **Other disappearance** was 20,000 head, up 5,000 from both a year ago and the previous month. The percents of February placements by weight were: under 600 pounds, 14 percent; 600-699 pounds, 21 percent; 700-799 pounds, 35 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 30 percent.

Cattle On Feed, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February - March 2004 - 2005

State	Number on Feed [1]				February Placements		February Marketings		Other Disappearance during February [2]	
	Feb 1 2005	March 1 2004	March 1 2005	% of 2004	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*(%)*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*
AZ	325	295	322	109	27	23	25	24	3	2
CA	525	500	515	103	56	49	52	54	4	5
CO	1,060	1,020	1,040	102	155	175	165	185	10	10
ID	270	265	250	94	43	33	52	52	1	1
IA	465	405	465	115	61	57	40	55	1	2
KS	**2,420**	**2,390**	**2,370**	**99**	**390**	**360**	**405**	**390**	**15**	**20**
NE	2,350	2,270	2,320	102	350	315	345	330	15	15
NM	129	112	125	112	16	13	20	14	1	3
OK	350	335	340	101	47	48	59	56	3	2
SD	205	210	210	100	43	32	32	26	1	1
TX	2,720	2,690	2,690	100	350	340	420	360	10	10
WA	190	185	185	100	26	32	34	35	2	2
Oth Sts	330	310	320	103	48	46	45	53	3	3
U.S.	11,339	10,987	11,152	102	1,612	1,523	1,694	1,634	69	76

[1] Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. [2] Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots.

U.S. Cattle On Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005. The inventory was up 2 percent from the 11.0 million head on March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.45 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 277,000; 600-699 pounds were 308,000; 700-799 pounds were 526,000; and 800 pounds and greater were 412,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 2003.

Cattle On Feed: Number Placed On Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, February 2004-2005

State	Placed in February: Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*	*1,000 Head*
CO	13	15	38	45	58	70	46	45	155	175
KS	**55**	**50**	**85**	**75**	**150**	**125**	**100**	**110**	**390**	**360**
NE	51	42	63	63	125	111	111	99	350	315
TX	85	70	100	75	125	135	40	60	350	340
Other States	115	100	65	50	90	85	97	98	367	333
U.S.	319	277	351	308	548	526	394	412	1,612	1,523

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Farms and Land in Farms Unchanged

The number of Kansas farms during 2004 held steady at 64,500. The average size of 732 acres was unchanged from the previous year. There are 47.2 million acres of land in Kansas farms, the same as in 2003.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms, Kansas, 1960-2004 [1 2]

Year	Number of Farms	Avg. Size of Farm	Land in Farms	Year	Number of Farms	Avg. Size of Farm	Land in Farms
		Acres	*1,000 Acres*			*Acres*	*1,000 Acres*
1960	110,000	456	50,200	1998	65,000	731	47,500
1970	87,000	574	49,900	1999	65,000	731	47,500
1980	75,000	644	48,300	2000	64,000	742	47,500
1990	69,000	694	47,900	2001	64,500	733	47,300
1995	66,000	721	47,600	2002	64,500	733	47,300
1996	65,000	731	47,500	2003	64,500	732	47,200
1997	65,000	731	47,500	2004	64,500	732	47,200

[1] The definintion of a farm has adjusted over time. Between 1959 and 1975, a farm was a place of 10 or more acres with annual sales of farm products of at least $50 or less than 10 acres with sales of $250 or more. Beginning with 1975, a farm was any place with annual sals of agricultural products of $1,000 or more. Starting in 1995, this definition also included any place with 5 or more horses. [2] 1993 to present data are for the calendar year; prior years use a June 1 reference date.

Cattle & Calves on Feed, Marketings, & Placements, 2003-2004, 1,000 Head Capacity Feedlots

Date	Number on Feed Current Month	Number Placed on Feed During Month	Number Marketed During Month	Other Disappearance [1] During Month	Number on Feed Following Month
2003			1,000 Head		
Jan. 1	2,200	540	500	20	2,220
Feb. 1	2,220	410	370	20	2,240
Mar. 1	2,240	510	410	20	2,320
Apr. 1	2,320	420	450	20	2,270
May 1	2,270	550	530	20	2,270
June 1	2,270	415	510	15	2,160
July 1	2,160	570	540	10	2,180
Aug. 1	2,180	580	500	10	2,250
Sep. 1	2,250	530	465	15	2,300
Oct. 1	2,300	570	410	30	2,430
Nov. 1	2,430	425	350	25	2,480
Dec. 1	2,480	410	435	25	2,430
2004			1,000 Head		
Jan. 1	2,430	455	440	25	2,420
Feb. 1	2,420	390	405	15	2,390
Mar. 1	2,390	460	470	20	2,360
Apr. 1	2,360	355	440	35	2,240
May 1	2,240	495	465	20	2,250
June 1	2,250	400	540	20	2,090
July 1	2,090	520	475	15	2,120
Aug. 1	2,120	520	495	15	2,130
Sep. 1	2,130	520	410	20	2,220
Oct. 1	2,220	570	375	15	2,400
Nov. 1	2,400	390	370	30	2,390
Dec. 1	2,390	490	450	20	2,410

[1] Other disappearance includes cattle and calves that were sold for further feeding, were returned to pasture, or died.

For economic analysis and market implications of this report, please go to www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/default.asp and click on the latest Cattle Outlook provided by Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist with KSU-Research & Extension Service.

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